

PTO MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Board Members in Attendance:

Chris Saxton, Radha Rajiv, Claire Josephson

Opening of Meeting: Welcome address by Chris Saxton

The PTO meeting minutes of September 24, 2019 meeting was voted on and approved. It was also posted on the Valley PTO website. Jeff Lita resigned so going forward the Board consists of Chris Saxton, Claire Josephson, Radha Rajiv and Jocelyn Ortega.

Director's report: Kathy Vuoncino:

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Oct 17th 2019 worked out great. Thank you to everyone who attended the ceremony. It was an amazing day and even the kids were very excited about it.

It's wonderful to finally own our building. We are doing a lot of changes and improvements to the building. James Santana (Superintendent) and Rich Perez (valley foundation) are looking at adding a swimming pool to the school. We are looking at different finance options, location of the pool etc.

Thank You to the PTO for conducting the Fall festival. The kids were very happy with all the farm animals and the crafts.

Treasurer's report:

Membership: We got 14 classes with 80-100% membership, we will encourage more parents to sign up.

President's report:

Past Events:

1. **Blue Moon Community Day:** Blue moon café day was not very much in our favor because they closed their Woodcliff Lakes location. They still have their Englewood location open and Wyckoff location. We are trying new restaurants like Chipotle and Mooyah for fundraising.

2. Family and Holiday Photo Day: Rebecca did a great job but the turnout was not great. We will try to spread the word and give some more creative options and maybe even call different vendors.

3. Fall Festival: Stokes farms got really cute animals and the kids had a blast. They had lots of animals and their delivery and clean-up process was good.

Please let us know if you are not receiving the weekly PTO emails from president@pto-nvrp.org

Upcoming events:

a) Scrips: We are going to make it online. Even the fee that is usually charged on the website will not be passed on to the people who order.

b) Box Tops: Top classrooms get a pizza party and the next two classrooms get a cupcake/ice cream party. We are trying to get an online component here too.

c) Family Movie Night: We are not doing it on Jan 16th. One suggestion was to have one movie for younger kids and another one for the older kids. We will announce the dates later.

d) Holiday Fair: is on Dec 4th to 6th. Older kids make or shop the gifts and the little kids come and buy them for the holidays. We are asking for parent volunteers to help out during the event. Parents will be requested to send in money so that the kids can shop. The proceeds go to the PTO which in turn gives it to vocational programs in the school.

e) Winter lunch orders: We are still looking out for someone to be the lunch coordinator. Everyone who orders lunches have to be a PTO member. Please double check your orders before ordering them because we can't switch orders.

f) Bowling Fundraiser: We are in the works of working out a new fundraiser event. It's going to be in a bowling alley in Rockcliff. It will probably be on a Sunday in January. There's also a pizzeria near it so people can have treats, pizza and bowling.

g) Bounce U: Another fundraising event is in Bounce U in Paramus. We are going to do it in February and if it's a success then we can repeat it in April and so on. Some of the bounce u staff have experience with special needs.

h) Walkathon: We are exploring doing a walkathon or a 1 mile run in spring.

f) Family Fun day: It will be conducted this year by Radha Rajiv and Madhuri Kondapalli. Last year we went on a beautiful trip to Hawaii so this year we look forward to a fun and exciting Superhero Adventure. Join us on Jan 25th for a Superhero Adventure Party from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. It's for grades pre k to 3rd.

g) Casino Night: -March 27th at the Rockleigh

All hands-on deck for our biggest fundraiser of the year. It's a fun night with awesome food, gambling, tricky trays, silent auction, dancing and raffles.

- a) Sponsorship and advertiser outreach: Sponsorship and advertisement letters have gone out but we are always very happy to have your help with this.
- b) Class Baskets: The parent coordinator for the class baskets is Jen Donde. She will send out the list of themes for the class baskets to each class parent and teachers. Class Baskets are minimum \$100 in value.

Any new ideas for PTO events or fundraising for the PTO please let us know.

Our next meeting is on Jan 8, 2020. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.